

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

*Sub 19* 18. (Once Amended) A method for killing organisms and removing of toxic substances from an enclosure, which comprises the steps of:

*21* preparing an enclosure having an interior and an exterior for exposure to a high temperature gas by removing or protecting all heat sensitive items;

providing at least one ingress duct communicating with said interior of said enclosure;

heating an environmentally acceptable gas to a temperature lethal to predetermined organisms;

directing said heated gas into said enclosure through said at least one ingress duct for a time sufficient to raise the temperature of said enclosure to said lethal temperature; and

extracting said heated gas and dead organisms from said enclosure.

19. (Once Amended) The method according to Claim 18 further including the step of including at least one egress duct, communicating between said interior and said exterior of said enclosure, wherein said heated gas is extracted through said at least one egress duct.

24. (Once Amended) A system for sanitizing an enclosed structure having an exterior and an interior, comprising:

a source of an environmentally acceptable gas;

a heater coupled to said gas source to heat said gas to a predetermined temperature, and means for introducing a flow of said heated gas into said interior of said enclosed structure; and

an extraction unit in communication with said enclosed structure;

wherein, said heated gas serves to kill organisms and the extraction unit removes toxic substances from within said enclosed structure.

25. (Once Amended) The system of Claim 24, wherein said introducing means further comprises at least one duct extending between said exterior and said interior of said enclosed structure, wherein said extraction unit is in communication with the enclosed structure by way of an egress duct.

26. (Once Amended) A method for exterminating toxic organisms in a structure, said toxic organisms consisting of at least one of fungi; toxic molds, and bacteria, said method comprising the steps of:

heating a gas to a predetermined temperature;

directing said heated gas into said structure in order to raise the temperature within said enclosed structure to said predetermined temperature;

monitoring the temperature in real time to ensure that all portions of said structure reach said predetermined temperature;

maintaining said temperature for a predetermined period of time; and

venting said heated gas from said enclosed structure.